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Saturday, February 14, 1953

Sightseeing this morning in my favorite city. Ben and I took a picnic lunch and went shooting this afternoon on the former Max Fleischman place, he and two friends being lessees of the shooting facilities. Fine sport with about eight coveys. I shot badly.

Dinner at the Kittredges', with Mrs. Tom Waring and three Simmons. Most agreeable. The house is beautiful. Ben has a sort of compound with five houses and a large garden. His mother lives in one dwelling and he rents out three of them. Wade Hampton was born in this house. When Ben first negotiated for it it was operated as a brothel, with a Madame in charge who had properly preserved its architectural features.

The dining room, as finally restored, has the finest plaster work I have almost ever seen in a small room. The whole place is delightful.

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